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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Green:

Thank you for your letter of April 12 on behalf of some constituents concerning the human rights situation in Argentina.

In your letter, you ask for information concerning the following individuals detained in Argentina: Lidia Ines Subovsky Jarupken, Emilia and Isidoro Gelstein, Miriam Haydee Prilleltensky de Goober, Pablo Bohoslavsky, Oscar E. Krilyzanosky, Ruben Sergio Pra, Jose Erlich, Ana Esther Koldorf, Blanca Frida Becher de Molciusky, Liliana Beatriz Teplisky de Streger, and Eduardo and Mirta Menajovsky. All were reportedly detained under special emergency powers granted to the Executive, so-called PEN powers, which were initiated during the period of civil disorder in Argentina in the 1970s.

According to information available to the Department Jose Erlich and Ruben Sergio Pra have been released from PEN detention. Although the Argentine government has not published an authoritative list of those who remain in custody, we believe that the remainder of those individuals listed by your constituent continue to be held as PEN detainees.

Cases of PEN detentions are systematically reviewed by the Argentine authorities. The number of PEN detainees was down from 650 at the end of 1981 to about 200 by mid-April 1983 with new releases occurring monthly. The Government of Argentina has stated that there will be no PEN prisoners held by the end of this year. PEN prisoners will either be released or tried in the civilian or military courts for crimes alleged to have occurred during the earlier period of civil disorder.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely,


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Assistant Secretary for
Congressional Relations

Enclosure:
Correspondence returned.

The Honorable
Bill Green,
House of Representatives.

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director
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cc: American Embassy
Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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